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Summary of Discussion:

The references lined out on form 1449 were discussed. A USPTO translation of FR 2494702 will be obtained by the Examiner since the document is cited in the office action. Applicant will point out that German Patent 146716 is discussed in the Specification and will provide information regarding the content of the article by Lee submitted in a foreign language.

The rejections of claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and proposed changes to the language were discussed. The meaning of the phrases “radiation-chemically” and “plasma-chemically” will be clarified by reference to the specification.

With respect to the prior art rejections of record, applicant intends to argue that the cited references do not disclose a method wherein PTFE is employed in the form of a powder. The rejections of record will be reconsidered in response to this argument.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Susan W. Berman/ whose telephone number is 571 272 1067. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571 272 1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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